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DR. WILLIAM H. LONG.
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On September 16, 1922, he visited the Phillips Farm with Totten, Novatto and Sheriff Conklin, finding the bodies side by side, with a space in between in which letters were lying. The clothing was in good order and Mrs. Mills' left hand touched Dr. Hall's shoulder. He only stood over the bodies and saw a bullet wound in Mrs. Mills' forehead, her throat "haggled" and a bullet wound in Dr.Hall's head. This bullet entered behind the left ear, with the point of exit in front of the right ear. (This is an exact reversal of the fact.) On Sunday gave a burial certificate to Undertaker Sutphen of Somerville to allow the bodies to be removed to New Brunswick. Technically they could be buried under this permit, though burial was not expected, and later told Prosecutor Beekman the bodies should be disinterred. He saw Beekman Tuesday afternoon, September 19th and attended both autopsies. He did not see Conklin take steps to preserve footprints or keep the public away. On Saturday he saw William Stevens look at the bodies with Mr. Hubbard and another gentleman and heard him say, "That is them". Both bodies were badly decomposed and did not lie on the ground as they would naturally fall. Dr. Long did not see any card.

On Sunday, at Sutphen's establish ment he made an abdominal examination of Mrs. Mills, including a surgical incision.

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WILLIAM H. LONG

August 17, 1926.

County Physician, Somerset County.

TESTIFIED (Page 368 et seq.):

On September 16, 1922 visited Phillips Farm with Totten, Novatto (Totten's assistant) and Sheriff Conkling in a taxi leaving Somerville about noon (368, 369).

Bodies side by side with a space between. Clothing in order. Mrs. Mills' arm extended toward Dr. Hall's shoulder (369).

Letters lying between bodies. Did not see a card (370).

Only stood over the bodies. Saw bullet wound in Mrs.Mills' forehead and her throat "haggled" with anything that would cut (371).

Saw bullet wound in Dr. Hall's head entering about three inches behind left ear with point of exit somewhere in front of right ear (372).

On Sunday, September 17, gave a burial certificate to undertaker Sutphin of Somerville to allow the bodies to be removed to New Brunswick, under which, technically, they could be buried, but no one thought they would be buried. After burial told Beekman bodies should be disinterred (373).

Attended autopsies (374).

Orders for inquests or autopsies always come from Prosecutor's office. Saw Beekman Tuesday afternoon, September 19. Did not see Conkling take steps to preserve foot prints, etc. or keep public away from scene of crime (376).

Mrs. Mills' right arm was bruised from shoulder to wrist (376.

At request made on Sunday an abdominal examination. Mrs. Mills' face absolutely decomposed. Had contusions on left elbow (378).

Contusions on Mrs. Mills' arms could have been made by hands (379).

Dr. Hall had some small abrasions on back over left shoulder, on left wrist and left hand. No broken knuckles (379-380).

Dr. Long has his records (380).

Saw William Stevens look at the bodies with Mr. Hubbard and another gentleman and heard him say "That is them" (381).

Simpson read Dr. Long his sworn statement made August 6, 1926 in an effort to have Long identify Harry Carpender as the other man with Mr. Hubbard and Willie Stevens.

CROSS-EXAMINATION:

Long maintained the position that the bullet traveled through Dr. Hall's head from lower left side to upper right side (386-7).

Mrs. Mills' left hand touched Dr. Hall's shoulder (387-8).

Dr. Hall's body badly decomposed. Mrs.Mills' body worse. No opinion on the necessity of prompt burial (388).

Permit given undertaker Sutphin ordinary burial permit,- ordinary death certificate which permits burial (389).

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REDIRECT:

Paper given Sutphin necessary to allow removal of body from County.

Bodies did not lie on the ground as they naturally fell (391).